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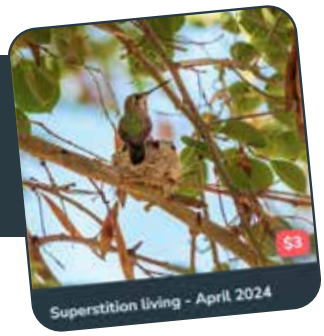

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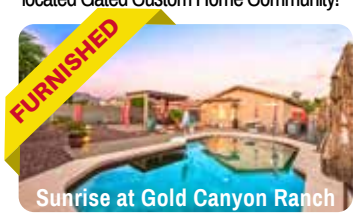

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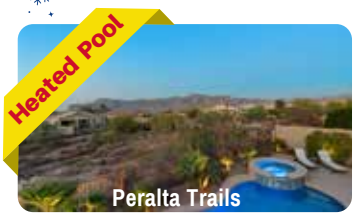

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Active, Single Family Homes... 86 (89 in November)
Under Contract... 17 (18 in November)
Median Days on Market... 53 (56 in November)
Average Sales Price per sq foot... $267 (237 in November)

Gold Canyon ~ Over $500,000

Active, Single Family Homes... 58 (63 in November)
Under Contract... 14 (17 in November)
Median Days on Market... 31(53 in November)
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Saturday January 18th, S16th annual Environmental Stewardship Event at Hewitt Station OHV Area in Queen Valley from 9am to 1pm. | Join us for our first cleanup event of 2025! Volunteer with Natural Restorations & Footprints Matter to Us RSVP at NaturalRestorations.org, *click on the event calendar for more details.*

Sign-in is from 8:30am to 9am, safety briefing is at 9 & we'll wrap up at 1pm with a free raffle for volunteers. Contact us if you or your business would like to donate lunch or raffle prizes for volunteers. GPS Coordinates: 33.287500, -111.260778, US60 East Towards Superior, Turn left on Queen Valley Road, 1.7 miles to Hewitt Station Road, 1.5 miles to the Sign-in Table.

YOU DO NOT NEED AN OHV OR 4X4 TO PARTICIPATE, there are plenty of areas within walking distance of the staging area that need our help. Use caution when driving to the staging area, it is a graded but washboarded dirt road. *If you have a truck, OHV or high clearance vehicle,* this is a great opportunity to explore the area & help us remove scattered trash. We need volunteers with trucks & trailers to help us get trash back to the dumpsters.

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A.D.O.B.E. NEWS

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GREETINGS TO ALL ADOBE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The 2024 - 2025 ADOBE Community Meeting season commenced with great enthusiasm. Harold Christ set the stage with an impactful presentation in October 2024, followed by insightful contributions from the Honorable Jeff Serdy and County Engineer Chris Wanamaker in November 2024. Both meetings were highly attended, showcasing Gold Canyon citizens' continued interest and engagement—the ADOBE Board thanks Harold, Jeff, and Chris for their exceptional presentations.

The January 16, 2025, ADOBE Community Meeting is anticipated to draw another large crowd at the Best Western Hotel meeting room. Gold Canyon resident Mr. Martin Toma and his family will deliver a compelling program recounting their experiences in countries such as Iraq, Iran, and Syria under various regimes—some benevolent and others oppressive. Their story highlights the challenges Martin, his wife, and extended family members endured, including periods of torture and imprisonment and their eventual escape under the cover of darkness to Iran. From there, they journeyed to England, ultimately finding freedom in the United States. The Toma family, proud Assyrian Christians with a lineage traced back to the Book of Genesis, will share their profound appreciation for the freedoms they now enjoy as Americans and their gratitude to God for guiding them through their journey.

The January ADOBE Community Meeting will be held at the Gold Canyon Best Western Hotel. Social time will begin at 6:15 p.m., and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. We hope to see you there—the presentation will intrigue you.

As 2025 unfolds, the ADOBE Board is planning various captivating presentations, each catering to different interests within our diverse community. Upcoming topics include a cutting-edge, mind-blowing, user-friendly AI program and an extraordinary local success story about overcoming immense challenges to become a prominent leader in the Gold Canyon community. The Board is thrilled to host these exciting and inspiring narratives, promising a season of truly remarkable events.

The ADOBE Board extends heartfelt gratitude to the citizens of Gold Canyon for their steadfast support. Like many organizations, ADOBE experienced a decline in membership during the COVID-19 pandemic, presenting challenges in re-engaging the community. However, we are delighted to see memberships flourishing again throughout the 2024 summer season and into 2025.

As ADOBE celebrates its 35th season, I want to express deep appreciation to all officers and members, past and present, who have contributed to the organization's enduring success. ADOBE remains committed to its mission—ensuring it continues to embody "*The Association for the Development of a Better Environment,*" regardless of the challenges posed by these "progressive" times.

Wishing you all a happy, prosperous, and blessed New Year in 2025.

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Saturday, January 25th, 2025 Gold Canyon Arts Festival from 9am -4pm | The Gold Canyon Arts Festival is a 1-day event held on the 4th Saturday of January each year. Many of our participating artists call our Festival the best 1-day show in the state based on turnout and sales. The sponsor of the event is the Gold Canyon Arts Council in co-operation with the Artists of the Superstitions. This year's Festival will again be held on the grounds of the United Methodist Church at 6640 S. King's Ranch Rd. in Gold Canyon, AZ 85118.

Friday, Jan 31 & Saturday, Feb. 1st from 7am - 1pm — Free Residential and Alley Cleanup Event for Gold Canyon Residents Only | Location: Gold Canyon Community Church 5810 S. Alameda Road, Gold Canyon

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JANUARY EVENTS AT AJ PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thursday, January 2, 5-7 p.m. | Bookish Craft Night: Reading Planners New year, new reading goals! Come by and pick from planner pages to make your own personalized reading planner. We can even bind it for you! We will have lots of other goodies for your planner, too. *Registration Required*

Friday, January 3, 3-5 p.m. | Cricut Drop-In Stop by to learn about the Library's Cricut machine, talk about your ideas, or get help with any issues. Drop in anytime between 3-5 on the first Friday of every month.

Monday, January 6, 13, 27 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Open Art Group | For adults that want a place to paint or create for a couple of hours! Be sure to bring your own supplies!

Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 9 a.m.-noon. AZ@Work Job Search Help AZ@ Work will be at the library to support patrons with their job search. From resumes to applications to cover letters.

Winter Lecture Series — Enjoy our annual winter lecture series with the following topics discussed every Tuesday in January:

January 7: Arizona Critters Presented by Randy Williams

January 14: Amelia Earhart Presented by Nancy Earhart Burt

January 21: Book Talk "Birding with Benefits" Presented by Sarah T. Dubb

January 28: Beyond The Kitsch Presented by Nanibaa Beck

Wednesday, January 8, 1-2 p.m. Genealogy Hour | Come spend time learning how to use Family Search and Ancestry.

Thursday, January 9, 10 a.m. Breathe Again: Learning to Live After Loss

Are you grieving a loss? Would you like a safe place to discuss your grief? A chance to meet new people and be with others who understand? Join us for a monthly bereavement group hosted by Barbara King, R.N., Executive Director of Supportive Hands Hospice. Free and open to adults.

Thursday, January 9, 6-7 p.m. Canva For Beginners Learn the basics of this popular graphic design platform: what it can do and how to do it! Crafters, small business owners, nonprofits, and more can benefit from learning what Canva is capable of.

Saturday, January 11, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Cricut For Beginners | If you're curious about the Cricut or have one at home you haven't taken out of the box yet, this is the class for you! The Cricut is a tool that can be used for so much, but it can be daunting to get started. This basic class will cover everything from turning it on to using the software to picking out materials. Lots of inspiration and time to ask questions, too!

Monday, January 13, 5:30 p.m. Music BINGO Teens 13+ and Adults! Can you guess the song? Test your musical knowledge and win BINGO prizes!

Tuesday, January 14, 1-3 p.m. Computer Class: Learn About Universal Class and Google | We invite you to join us for an informative session on the benefits of Universal Class, a valuable resource available for free through your local library. This class will provide an

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Wednesday, January 15, 3:00 p.m. Biblio Bites – Homemade Pasta | Create the perfect pasta dough by hand, which can be the base for endless variations and shapes. Then cook, sauce, and sample your own single serving!

All supplies provided. Registration required and limited to 20 participants, so go to our website or call the library at 480-474-8555 to save your spot. For Ages 13+.

Thursday, January 16, 5 p.m. Nature Art | Use natural items to create artwork personal to you. Represent your family, pets, memories, or anything else you want to create! We will explore outside around the library as well as use other natural items to create beautiful portraits. *Registration Required*

Thursday, January 16, 6:30 p.m. Books & Brews | Rejoice! Books & Brews is continuing throughout the Spring season! Join us at the Handlebar Pub & Grill in Apache Junction. Bring a book that fits the monthly genre or any you've enjoyed lately. Delight in discussion and libations on the pub's patio, plus 10% off your bill! Genre: A book you're buzzing about!

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Thursday, January 23, 5:30 p.m. Book Swap | Find some new reading material for the new year! Bring in your own (personal, non-library!) books and browse through what others brought. Take home whatever you like! All are welcome.

Monday, January 27, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Let's Quilt | Let's Quilt! provides a place for adults to quilt for a couple hours. Learn more about quilting or share your current project. Be sure to bring your own supplies and enjoy the company of other quilt enthusiasts!

Thursday, January 30, 5:30 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons | Teens and adults are welcome to join in for our one shot dungeons and dragons campaigns for veteran players and new comers alike.

Book Clubs

Nonfiction Book Club– What My Bones Know: A Memoir Of Healing From Complex Trauma by Stephanie Foo | **Tuesday, January 7, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

Dying For A Mystery Book Club– Cold Cold Bones by Kathy Reiches | **Tuesday, January 21, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

Classic Book Club– Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie | **Tuesday, January 28, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

JANUARY EVENTS AT MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are located at 2122 S Goldfield Rd, Apache Junction, AZ

January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31st – LINE DANCING at 3:00 pm. Join us for an afternoon of fun filled line dancing. Whether you are a beginner or have advanced skills, all are welcome to come and enjoy the rhythms and music of this energetic dance style. Don't miss an opportunity to learn & showcase your talent on the dance floor.

January 11 – POLKA SERVICE at 3:00 PM, Sing your favorite Christmas songs with a Polka Band.

January 13 – "HOW TO SPOT A SCAMMER" at 2:00 PM. Spotting a scammer is essential in today's digital age. Come and learn key tips on how to identify the potential scammer. Protect yourself from falling victim to their schemes. Sponsored by Joyce Petrowski, Founder & Board President of R.O.S.E. Resources/ Outreach to Safeguard the Elderly.

January 16 – 11:30 – 2:30 PM. Supportive Hands Hospice, Raven Trusts, Renaissance Financial, and After.com. will be sponsoring a "LUNCH & LEARN" presentation regarding End-of-Life Planning. This informative presentation will cover: • Life Insurance • Cremation • Wills, Trusts & POA, and more. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the church Narthex call the Supportive Hands Hospice at 602-806-7205 or register online via Eventbrite.

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CACTUS OR SUCCULENTS

Succulents are defined as plants adapted to dry regions by developing water storage tissue, allowing them to survive long periods of drought. The degree of 'succulence' can vary considerably as do the organs of storage, usually leaves, stems or roots.

Cacti are one family of the group of plants commonly referred to as succulents. So, all cacti are succulents, but all succulents are not cacti. Some familiar plants that are succulents but not cacti are: agaves, aloes, jade plants, sedums, and euphorbias. One of the distinguishing features between cacti and other succulents is that cacti have small, round cushion-like structures called areoles from which they grow spines, hair, branches and even flowers. While many succulents can look like cacti, thorns and all, if they do not have these round areoles, they are not cacti.

The cacti family has almost 2,000 species; all, except one, native to the Americas. Their body style can range from the thirty foot tall saguaro to the diminutive mammillaria to the flat stemmed prickly pear. All have in common a high ratio of internal tissue to external surface area, thereby reducing the amount of moisture lost to the environment. Cacti store water in their stem, which have ribs that expand as water is stored and shrink as water is used. They usually do not have leaves and their root systems are shallow in order to soak up large amounts of water quickly when it rains. Many, but not all, have thorns which act as protection, give shade, and in some cases, even collect dew.

Collecting succulents can quickly move from an interest to passion to obsession to addiction. The many fantastic adaptations and whimsical shapes draw the hapless novice collector ever deeper into the world of this tough plant group. I know a fellow in Phoenix who moved four times in the last twenty years in order to continue collecting. He never sold a home, just kept planting new acquisitions in the new home until there was nowhere left to plant.

Most succulents are fairly easy to grow and propagate from cuttings. Surprisingly, many do very well in shade or sunny indoor window ledges. They love well-draining soil, hate to have wet feet, and have various temperature requirements. Always water sparingly, with plenty of time to dry out between watering. If you choose to go down the slippery slope of succulent collecting, remember, I warned you!

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By Alice Edwards, Senior Kennel Tech

Are you looking for a canine companion to start the New Year with you? Maybe you need a new friend to help you achieve your walking goals or just to hang out? We have plenty of dogs at the shelter that would love to have a new home.

Meet Jax, he's a medium sized dog with lots of spunk. He's 2 yrs old, very friendly, likes people and other dogs. Did you see him at the City's light parade? He liked getting dressed up and proudly walked the whole parade.

If you'd like some more information on Jax or any of our other animals available for adoption you can visit the city website www.apachejunction.gov under the Pets section. Or, just come down and see who's waiting for you.

Apache Junction Animal Control; Open Tuesday - Saturday, 9am to 3pm, located at 725 E Baseline Ave, Apache Junction.

Join Us for the SIEV 2nd Annual Wine Tasting Event!

February 8th from 4 to 7pm—Sip, savor, and support a brighter future at our Wine Tasting Event in support of Soroptimist International of the East Valley! Hosted at **Guild Mortgage** in Apache Junction, 115 N Apache Trail, Suite B. **Tickets are $35/ea, Table of 6: $200**, please RSVP Cheri Smith: 408-921-9214

Our favorite wine expert, Janet from Wines for Humanity, is back to guide you through a fun and engaging wine-tasting experience. Whether you're a wine connoisseur or just looking for a good time, this event is for everyone! Enjoy a curated selection of exclusive wines, perfectly paired with delicious charcuterie, and test your wine knowledge in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Event Highlights: **Wine Tasting with Janet** – Expand your palate and wine knowledge! | **Silent Auction –** Bid on unique treasures and experiences. | **Exciting Door Prizes & 50/50 Raffle** – Win big while supporting a great cause.

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RSVP Today and Let's Make a Difference Together!

GOLD CANYON GARDEN CLUB & REFORESTATION IN ZION NATIONAL PARK

Happy New Year! The first meeting in 2025 will feature one of our Garden Club members tales of her summers propagating and planting trees in Zion Nation Park in Utah. She and her husband have been part of a group of volunteers who go to Zion National to work at reforesting burned forest lands. The work is hard but the rewards are great. Join us the second **Tuesday in January, the 14th, at 9:30 AM.** We meet in the Mission Center of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, 8330 E. Sunrise Sky Dr. monthly through April.

Members present at the November Central/Eastern District Meeting of the Arizona Garden Club brought back a great source for gardening in the Arizona Desert. Angela Judd of 'Growing in the Garden' can be found on line at https://growing in the garden.com. She has a blog called Growing in the Garden, a YouTube Channel and Instagram segments on how to garden in the low desert of Arizona and other hot climates. She's written a book, "How to Grow Your Own Food; A Beginner's Illustrated Guide to Container Gardening." Anyone who enjoys gardening in the desert can find Angela Judd's advice helpful.

You can find Gold Canyon Garden Club on FaceBook and at goldcanyongradenclub@gmail.com.

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HOW CAN I KNOW

WHAT VITAMIN OR MINERAL SUPPLEMENTS I NEED?

Most people who are health-conscious are interested in taking the vitamins and supplements they think are necessary to keep their bodies in the best possible health. To do that, we often take a wide range of products in hopes of including the vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that we require. One question I often get as a health care practitioner, though, is, "How can I know what I really need?"

Instead of guessing about what vitamin or mineral supplements are most beneficial to a specific patient, it's possible to get a personalized assessment of nutritional needs using a laboratory test called a Cellular Nutrition Assay (CNA). This tool allows a person and their healthcare provider to have a targeted nutri-tion strategy to achieve the best possible outcomes.

The test is used to determine three important things:

- The specific nutrients your body needs more of to help the cells maintain optimal health.
- A measure of your cells' ability to protect themselves from free radicals without the addition of antiox-idant nutrients.
- Which antioxidants are most effective specifically for you to help remove free radicals from your cells.

The CNA is different from the serum blood test your doctor may use to check levels such as iron or cer-tain vitamins. A serum test is essentially a "snapshot" of the short-term level of a nutrient in your blood. These levels can fluctuate depending on something you may have taken or eaten recently and repre-sents nutrients that have not yet been absorbed into the cells. A micronutrient assay like the CNA, on the other hand, provides insight into the long-term nutritional status of your body by measuring what is working inside the cells.

The laboratory provides a detailed report of the results of testing over 100 micronutrients and antioxi-dant nutrients and enzymes. Results show which micronutrients are insufficient or borderline insuffi-cient and addresses each by explaining the role they play in the body, how they are useful in prevention and treatment of disease, and also gives good food sources for these nutrients.

To better understand how this works in a practical sense, let's look at an example.

Iron is an essential nutrient. Most of the iron in the body is found in the hemoglobin of red blood cells that carry oxygen from the lungs to the tissues; low iron can cause fatigue and also affect the thyroid gland. We mostly get iron from animal food sources, so people who eat little or no meat may be lacking in sufficient amounts.

A standard serum test may show sufficient levels of iron in the blood, but the more sensitive micronutri-ent assay may reveal insufficient amounts at the cellular level. With this information your provider can help you choose specific foods or targeted supplements to provide you with the iron you need for opti-mal health.

This example, of course, only addresses one particular nutrient. A full Cellular Nutrition Assay would provide a broad picture of your body's nutritional health encompassing a wide range of vitamins, miner-als, and antioxidants. It's also possible to purchase personalized supplements that are designed to spe-cifically target those nutrients you are insufficient in according to your individual test results.

The Cellular Nutrition Assay can be a very useful tool in supporting your healthcare needs.

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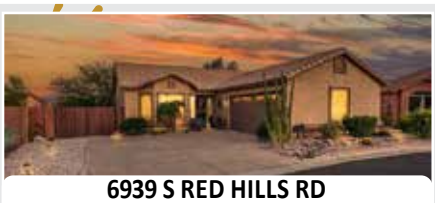

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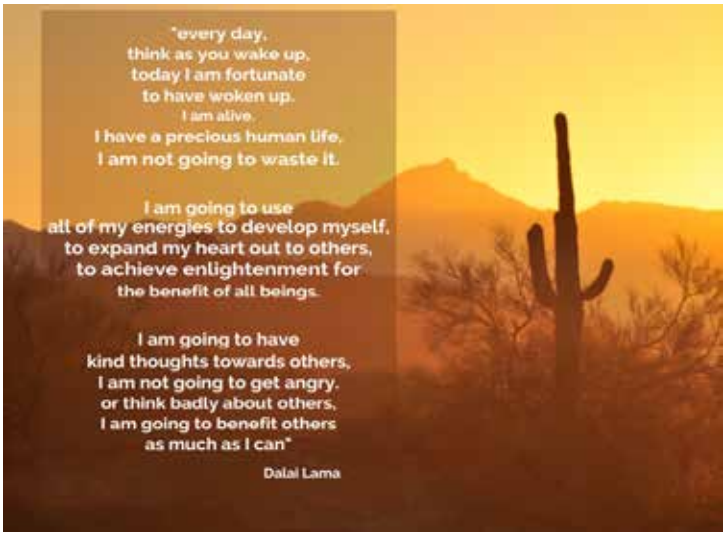
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think as you wake up,
today I am fortunate
to have woken up.
I am alive.
I have a precious human life.
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I am going to use
all of my energies to develop myself,
to expand my heart out to others,
to achieve enlightenment for
the benefit of all beings.
I am going to have
kind thoughts towards others,
I am not going to get angry.
or think badly about others,
I am going to benefit others
as much as I can"
Dalai Lama

It is January 2025. The start of another year. It is by tradition the month that we set intentions or resolutions, sometimes that are attainable but often not sustainable. But what if we took just one idea, and that one idea is some-thing that you can do every morning? What if you just have one positive thought – every morning when you wake up – that's it – just one positive thought.

For our thoughts are more than just thoughts. Our thoughts define who we are, shape the life we live and inspire the dreams we dream and create the realities we can accomplish. Our thoughts are choices… in our hands to make.

The concept of positive thinking has been celebrated throughout the ages. From ancient philosophers to modern-day thought leaders, the notion that our mindset shapes our reality has stood the test of time. The Roman Stoic philosopher Seneca was aware of this as far back as 2000 years ago identifying that "Everything hangs on one's thinking." Marcus Aurelius an Emperor of the Roman Empire and considered to be one of the more important Stoic phi-losophers left us this message: "When you arise in the morning think of what a privilege it is to be alive, to think, to enjoy, to love …" In more modern times, the Dalai Lama also encourages positive thinking and a lasting cheerful out-look throughout your entire day.

Could one positive thought really change the outlook of your day? Do you have the ability to choose how you feel, to choose how you will live your lives? Yes, all it takes is one small positive thought to transform the way you think throughout the day.

Positive thinking is often misunderstood. Some may believe it is a way of covering up our true feelings and not dealing with the negative things that life can sometimes throw at us. However, positive thinking is not about pretend-ing that everything is okay when it is not. Being a positive thinker is looking for solutions instead of focusing on the problems. It is finding the good in a tough situation. It is learning the lessons and being able to move on. It is the letting go of the past and living in the moment. It is setting goals. It is self-belief, self-improvement, self-love and self-care. It is about becoming the best per-son you can be.

By choosing positive thoughts, you create a ripple effect that permeates all areas of your life which has many benefits for your mental, emotional, and even physical well-being. When you embrace positive thinking, you experi-ence reduced stress levels, improved resilience, and enhanced problem-solving abilities. Positive thinking also fosters better relationships, boosts self-confidence, and increases overall life satisfaction.

In choosing your one positive thought remember that it does not have to be a big event to shift your mindset. Sometimes, the best way is to just take a moment to find gratitude in the little things and the simple things. These can be the use of affirmations, having a gratitude practice, being kind to yourself and others, all of which will allow for a more positive day.

Affirmations: The use of positive statements that you repeat to yourself to re-program your subconscious mind are powerful reminders of the reality you want to create and can help align your thoughts with your desires. Any phrase that begins with I AM …… and is personalized to where you are is a great place to start.

Gratitude: Developing a gratitude practice is another powerful way to foster a positive mindset. By focusing on the things, you are grateful for, even in chal-lenging situations, you shift your perspective and open yourself up to a more positive outlook on life.

Kindness: Practicing self-compassion and self-acceptance is crucial in overcoming negative thought patterns. Treat yourself with kindness and un-derstanding as you navigate the process of replacing negative thoughts with positive ones. Remember, you have all heard – put your oxygen mask on first before assisting others - well that is true with kindness, if we are not kind to ourselves, we cannot be truly kind to others.

Inspired Action: By combining your positive thoughts with intentional and in-spired action you will make better decisions and choices that will bring you closer to the goal of being the best you.

The power of your thoughts is undeniable. Your thoughts shape your reality by influencing your beliefs, feelings, and actions. Beginning every day with one positive thought will improve your life and the life of those around you. Make the choice to Live your Best and most Positive Life, every day.

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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA FINDS NEW SPONSOR

By Nancy Fassbender

Some exciting news is happening with Wreaths Across America. The first is that WAA has found a sponsor again this year which will match all orders from Saturday, December 14, 2024, through January 17, 2025. That means every wreath that you sponsor will be matched.

This really helps to make sure that all our interred Veterans in the Mountain View Cemetery will honored with a wreath on their grave on December 13, 2025!

You must sponsor a wreath during the promotion. The check must be dated from December 14, 2024, thru January 17, 2025. If you mail it, you must have it postmarked before January 17, 2025! Those who wish to do it online, again, please do it during those dates.

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Please type in the whole website. If you leave off anything, WAA will not send back $5 for every wreath sponsored for our Veteran Community. Many are not aware that when you sponsor a wreath for an interred Veteran, Wreaths Across America will donate to us $5 per wreath. This helps the Veteran Community here. We have helped with Service Dogs, Gas money, Rent, housing for our Veterans. (Just to name a few) Your sponsorship not only honors the Veterans who are interred, but also monies for our Veterans who need a little help. For that, thank you so much.

The Second announcement is that the Wreaths Across America Educational Trailer will be coming to town! On Saturday, January 25, 2025, they will be at VFW Post 7968 for their Veteran Stand Down. They are located behind Pizza Hut in Apache Junction. The address is 250 S Phelps Drive in Apache Junction, AZ. This is open to the public event.

If you have not toured the 48' WAA Educational Trailer, you are missing out! Learn more about what WAA is about as well as there is a short film that is extremely interesting.

This event runs from 10am to 3pm. There will also be complimentary hamburgers and hotdogs.

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HOW SINGLE MOMS CAN ACHIEVE HOMEOWNERSHIP WITH FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER GRANTS

Owning a home is an important goal for many people, and as a single mom, it can sometimes feel like a distant dream. But the reality is that homeownership is more achievable than you might think, especially when you know about the financial resources and programs available to you. First-time homebuyer grants, special loan programs, and down payment assistance can help you overcome the financial barriers that might otherwise stand in your way. Here's what single moms should know about these opportunities.

Understanding First-Time Homebuyer Grants

First-time homebuyer grants are specifically designed to help individuals, especially those with low to moderate incomes, purchase their first home. While these grants are not exclusively for single mothers, they are an excellent resource for single-income households. These grants are typically used to cover part of the down payment or closing costs, which can make a significant difference in the affordability of your new home.

It's important to note that these grants are offered by various federal, state, and local government agencies, as well as nonprofit organizations. Each program has its own set of eligibility requirements, but many are aimed at helping single moms and low-income households achieve homeownership.

Key Steps to Take Toward Homeownership

Connect with a Housing Counselor One of the first steps in your homebuying journey is to connect with a HUD-approved housing counselor. These professionals offer free or low-cost services to help you understand your financial situation and the home-buying process. A housing counselor can guide you through the steps of qualifying for grants and loans, and help you understand your eligibility for down payment assistance programs.

Explore Affordable Loan Programs While there are no specific mortgage programs exclusively for single moms, many loan programs cater to low-to-moderate-income borrowers. These programs often come with more lenient requirements for down payments and credit scores:

FHA Loans: These loans are backed by the Federal Housing Administration and require a low down payment (often as little as 3.5%) and more flexible credit requirements.

USDA Loans: The U.S. Department of Agriculture offers loans that provide 100% financing for homes in rural and suburban areas, making it an excellent choice for families who are looking to live outside of urban centers.

VA Loans: If you're a veteran or an eligible surviving spouse, VA loans offer incredible benefits, including zero down payment and no private mortgage insurance (PMI) requirements.

Look Into Down Payment Assistance Programs Down payment assistance programs are available in many counties, cities, and states. These programs can help reduce the upfront cost of buying a home. Some programs provide grants that don't need to be repaid, while others offer low-interest loans or loans that may be forgiven over time, making them especially useful for single moms on a tight budget.

Consider a Cosigner If you're worried about qualifying for a mortgage based on your income alone, consider adding a cosigner to your loan application. A cosigner is someone who agrees to take responsibility for the loan if you are unable to make the payments. This can increase your purchasing power by including your income and credit score in the lender's assessment.

Helpful Resources for Single Moms

Several organizations and programs specifically support single moms who are looking to buy a home:

State and Local Programs: Many states offer homebuyer assistance programs that may include grants, tax credits, and loans. Check your state's housing authority or HUD's website for a comprehensive list of programs available in your area.

HUD's Special Programs: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offers programs like the Good Neighbor Next Door (GNND) program, which provides significant discounts for teachers, police officers, firefighters, and other public service workers. If you're a public housing resident, HUD also offers homeownership opportunities that can make home-buying more affordable.

Habitat for Humanity: This nonprofit organization helps low-income families build and purchase homes with affordable mortgages. In exchange for a low-interest mortgage, families often contribute sweat equity by working alongside volunteers to build their future homes.

As a single mom, achieving homeownership may seem like a big challenge, but with the right resources and support, it's absolutely within your reach. Start by connecting with a HUD-approved housing counselor, researching first-time homebuyer grants, and exploring down payment assistance programs. The road to homeownership may take time, but the end result is a place to call your own, and is well worth the effort.

Take the first step today to explore your options. You might be closer to owning a home than you think!

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TIME FOR NEW YEAR'S FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

Now that the calendar has flipped, it's time for some New Year's resolutions. You could decide you're going to exercise more, lose weight, learn a new skill, reconnect with old friends — the possibilities are almost limitless. This year, why not add a few financial resolutions to your list?

Here are a few to consider:

- Reduce your debts. It may be easier said than done, but if you can cut down on your debt load, you'll increase your cash flow and have more money available to invest for your future. So, look for ways to lower your expenses and spending. You might find it helpful to use one of the budgeting apps available online.
- Boost your retirement savings. Try to put in as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If your salary goes up this year, you've got a good opportunity to increase your contributions to these retirement accounts. And once you turn 50, you can make pre-tax catch-up contributions for your 401(k) and traditional IRA. You might also want to review the investment mix within your 401(k) or similar plan to determine whether it's still providing the growth potential you need, given your risk tolerance and time horizon.
- Build an emergency fund. It's generally a good idea to maintain an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, such as an expensive auto or home repair.
- Keep funding your non-retirement goals. Your traditional IRA and 401(k) are good ways to save for retirement — but you likely have other goals, too, and you'll need to save and invest for them. So, for example, if you want your children to go to college or receive some other type of post-secondary training, you might want to invest in a tax-advantaged 529 education savings plan. And if you have short-term goals, such as saving for a wedding or taking an overseas vacation, you might want to put some money away in a liquid account. For a short-term goal, you don't necessarily need to invest aggressively for growth — you just want the money to be there for you when you need it.
- Review your estate plans. If you haven't already created your estate plans, you may want to do so in 2025. Of course, if you're relatively young, you might not think you need to have estate plans in place just yet, but life is unpredictable, and the future is not ours to see. If you have already drawn up estate plans, you may want to review them, especially if you've recently experienced changes in your life and family situation, such as marriage, remarriage or the addition of a new child. Because estate planning can be complex, you'll want to work with a qualified legal professional.

You may not be able to tackle all these resolutions in 2025. But by addressing as many of them as you can, you may find that, by the end of the year, you have made progress toward your goals and set yourself on a positive course for all the years to come.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. — Edward Jones, Member SIPC.

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN MUSEUM'S 2025 FREE LECTURE SERIES

Thursdays, January 4 - March 28 at 2:00 pm

The Superstition Mountain Museum's free lecture series "Legends and Lore of the Superstitions and More," is scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 9, 2025. The series brings together local scholars, personalities, historians, artists and authors to introduce attendees to the rich culture of our region.

Lectures are held Thursday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. in the Museum's outdoor amphitheater. The featured presenters and dates this year are:

JANUARY 9 - TETON KEN | THE LOST DUTCHMAN AND HIS MINE

This year's annual lecture about the Old Dutchman Jacob Waltz and his infamous gold mine will be presented by our own Dutchman "look-alike in residence," Teton Ken. Learn just who Jacob Waltz was, where he came from, the facts regarding his life and death in Phoenix, and how the clues (and gold found under his bed) have kindled a flame of interest that has only grown over the years into a mother lode of history and mystery. Teton Ken knows his history. For many years, he has packed gold hunters, hikers and television crews into (and out of) the Superstition Mountains. He worked at Apacheland Movie Ranch and is an accomplished actor.

JANUARY 16 - GREG MCNAMEE | COCHISE, GERONIMO, AND THE APACHE WARS

Their names resound in Arizona history and pepper the state map, but few people know the tangled history that surrounds the "Apache Wars." Half of the active US Army descended on the territory to combat just a handful of Indigenous warriors. Ironically, the Apache peoples of the Southwest had once welcomed the arrival of the Americans as a buffer against Mexico, which regularly attached Apache settlements but then American miners and loggers began to encroach, and a defensive war turned into a terrible guerrilla campaign that lasted a quarter-century. In this talk, Gregory McNamee, who has written about the Apache Wars for Encyclopedia Britannica and other publications, unravels the complex story of the conflict and the decades of uneasy peace that followed. Gregory is a writer, editor, publisher and photographer and the author of 40 books and more than 6,000 articles. He has explored every corner of Arizona and is a contributing editor to the Encyclopedia Britannica and a research fellow and a lecturer at the University of Arizona. This presentation was made possible through the Arizona Humanities AZ Speaks Program.

JANUARY 23 - DEBE BRANNING | HAUNTED ARIZONA

Author and history activist Debe Branning will share her considerable knowledge of the Arizona afterlife scene and spirits of the Old West. Debe is the author of several books including "Sleeping With Ghosts–A Ghost Hunter Guide to AZ Haunted Hotels and Inns" and "Grand Canyon Ghost Stories." She writes columns for Examiner.com, Arizona Haunted Sites and Haunted Places, so travelers know where they might find a ghost or two as when they visit Arizona and the United States. Debe is the director of the MVD Ghostchasers of Mesa/Bisbee paranormal team that conducts investigations of haunted, historical locations throughout Arizona. She has been a guest lecturer at Ottawa University, Central Arizona College, Arizona State University and South Mountain Community College.

JANUARY 30 - TETON KEN | THE REST OF THE STORY

With a nod to journalist Paul Harvey, Teton Ken will reflect on Arizona's past and present. He will weave a fascinating tale punctuated by his personal observations that have been formed along his life's path as a prospector, actor, magician, storyteller, zoophilist and advisor. Teton has recently published a book, The Dutchman and the Little Prospectors, designed to be read on grandpa's lap, but tells a story for all ages! You won't want to miss this time with one of the Superstition Mountain Museum's living treasures.

FEBRUARY 6 - KEVIN SCHINDLER SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL IN ARIZONA

Major League Baseball teams have been training in Arizona for more than a century, starting with sporadic training sessions and barnstorming games and evolving into the modern Cactus League. Kevin Schindler will recall people and places that established a regular preseason in our state. Kevin is the historian and Public Information Officer at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, where he has worked for 28 years. He shares Lowell's long history of research and exploration through writing and public presentations and contributes articles for a variety of publications on subjects ranging from space and exploration to local history.

Stay tuned for the rest in next months issue!

To See the full list - Visit superstitionmountainmuseum.org

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FEBRUARY SHOW at MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
Saturday, Feb 10, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm

The Artists of the Superstitions invite you to our February Art Show,offering you a chance to attend a widely varied show and sale, at which you can browse both indoors and outside. This show is offered free to the public, so please join us for this event. The easy access location of this show is at the Mountain View Lutheran Church at 2122 S Goldfield Road, at the corner of Goldfield and Old West Highway, in Apache Junction.

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MID-WINTER SHOW at The QUEEN CREEK OLIVE MILL
Saturday, Feb 24, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm

The Artists of the Superstitions invite you to our mid-winter Art Show, offering you a chance to attend a widely varied show and sale, at which you can browse fine art offerings outside among the olive trees.The Queen Creek Olive Mill is located at 25062 S Meridian Rd In Queen Creek (off Combs Rd). Here you will experience finely crafted olive oil and products for sale in their gift shop, plus a cafe, bistro, bar, grocer and coffee crafters. You can also tour the Olive Mill for a fee. Their telephone number is 480-888-9290

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Our artists offer their creative works in Beading, Dolls, Fiber, Glass, Gourds, Jewelry, Metals, Mixed Media, Mosaics, Painting & Drawing, Photography, Pottery and Wood and more.

The Artists of the Superstitions is a juried art group of award-winning artists formed in 2007. As a group, we are all inspired for our chosen art forms by the beautiful scenery and colors of our surrounding Sonoran Desert and the gorgeous Superstition Mountains. Come out and see! Our group is all local artists, and we support the arts with donations to our local schools.

More detailed information for these shows may be found at the Artists of the Superstitions website, www.artistsofthesuperstitions.com, or email your questions to: artists.superstitions@gmail.com

By Marcia Nelson

Life journeys on.
Things ever changing,
light and dark,
days rearranging.

A constant moving;
even the night
whispers onward,
hiding the light.

Is the road up ahead
all mapped out,
twists and turns,
hopes and doubt?

Yet looking back,
we've come this far.
It now makes sense
to see where we are.

So plan each day
as best we can.
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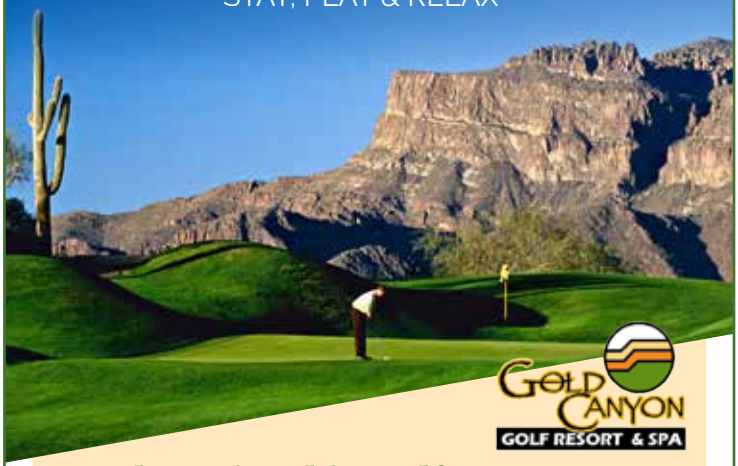

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2025 NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS FESTIVAL
AT SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN MUSEUM

January 18-19, 2025 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

By Bill Van Nimwegen, communications@superstitionmountainmuseum.org

Superstition Mountain Museum is excited to present an event celebrating Native American culture and art January 18-19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The two-day Native American Arts Festival will include two stages featuring awe-inspiring dance, storytellers, artisans showcasing their unique creations and talented musicians playing Native Flute and acoustic guitar.

Featured performers are the world-famous Yellow Bird Apache Hoop Dancers. The Museum is very fortunate to have them on their stage, as well as storytellers Violet and Ken Duncan of Yellow Bird Productions. Other regional dance groups from Hopi and Pima tribes have been invited as well as Tribal Royalty and Native American color guards.

Numerous traditional and contemporary tribal-registered Native American artisans will be at the festival showcasing their work in a Master Craftsman space. The artists will visit with attendees and provide insights associated with their art.

This event is a family-friendly and educational event offering tremendous photographic and shopping opportunities. Admission fee is $10 per person with kids under 10 admitted free. Parking is free.

The 2025 Native American Arts Festival was made possible by a grant from the Arizona Commission on the Arts.

ABOUT THE SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN MUSEUM : The Superstition Mountain Museum, a non-profit facility organized and run by the Superstition Mountain Historical Society, is located at 4087 E. Apache Trail (SR88), Apache Junction, AZ. For more information, visit superstitionmountainmuseum.org or call 480-983-4888.

Sat., January 25th, 2025 from 9am to 1pm

Join us at the 24th annual Gold Canyon Arts Festival, nestled in the beautiful Superstition Mountains, on the grounds of the GC United Methodist Church at 6640 S. Kings Ranch Road in Gold Canyon, AZ. The festival is a gift to the community and features no admission fee and free parking. Please, no dogs or skateboards.

An average of 4,500 people/year attend and exhibitors call it the best one-day festival in the region. The juried art show features the work of 85 plus artists in a wide variety of genres and styles. Programs will be available listing the artists, their specialties, and booth locations. Wishing to also support our local artists; some of the juried artists are from 'Artists of the Superstitions.'

There will be live musical performances throughout the day featuring the following groups:

- **Territorial Brass:** 12 member costumed brass ensemble playing 19th century American music
- **Crescenduo:** Flute/guitar duo playing pop, songbook standards, jazz, and classical
- **The Local Spirits:** Instrumental quartet playing rock, bluegrass, country, world music, and jazz
- **Tony Duncan:** Native American dancers, singers, and storytellers

A Food Court will offer a variety of foods and specialty beverages which include: Native American selections, barbeque, hamburgers, and hotdogs.

The Gold Canyon Arts Council, a non-profit organization, brings world class concerts to the East Valley through its Canyon Sounds Performance Series. Our mission is Student Arts Education whereby all our performing artists provide workshops at regional schools. We also donate musical instruments, lessons, visual arts instructions, and school supplies.

Carole Lindemann, Gold Canyon Arts Festival Chair, Carbill5@mchsi.com, 480-296-6502

THE 24TH ANNUAL LOST DUTCHMAN RACES

RETURN TO APACHE JCT IN FEBRUARY

Five non-profit events have locally donated more than $900,000

By Rick Hardina

The 24th annual Lost Dutchman Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, and 8KTrail Run will return to Apache Junction and Gold Canyon on Sunday, February 16th, 2025. And a 2-mile Fun Run/Walk will take place in Apache Junction on Saturday morning, February 15th. Runners are welcome to participate in the 26.2 mile marathon, while walkers and runners are welcome to register for any of the shorter distances.

All proceeds from the five non-profit Lost Dutchman race events will benefit many local youth groups and organizations. To date, since it's establishment in 2002, the Lost Dutchman races have contributed more than $900,000 to these causes.

Start line for the 26.2 mile marathon will be at the Peralta Trailhead in Gold Canyon. The marathon will wind its way through Gold Canyon and then proceeds along scenic back roads to the finish line in Prospector Park in Apache Junction. The shorter races originate from and return to Prospector Park in Apache Junction.

All race registrants receive post-race refreshments and a long-sleeved Lost Dutchman T-shirt. In addition, all finishers in the Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, and 8K Trail Run will receive a colorful high-quality finisher medal.

Those interested in participating in any of the events may register on the Lost Dutchman Marathon website: www.lostdutchmanmarathon.org. A mail-in form is also available on the website. Those wishing to volunteer for the race events may join our race team on the same website.

In addition, readers of Superstition Living Magazine may apply the code **Sup10** in order to receive a **10% discount** on any race distance!

PHOTOGRAPHY FROM AROUND THE AREA

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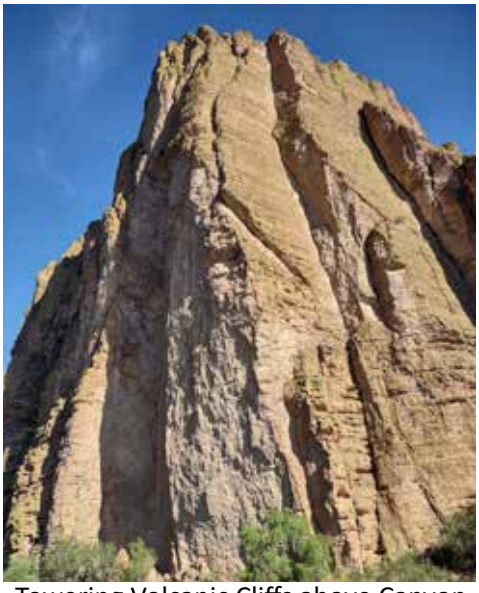

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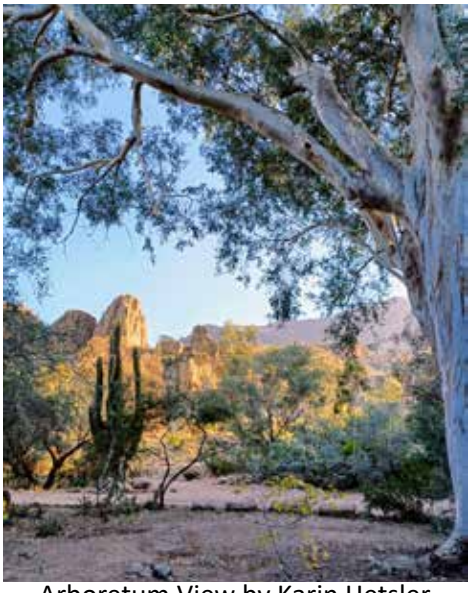

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Spectacular Superstition Mountain views from gated custom single level home on 1.99 acres. Private oasis features 2019 pool and spa with wave machine/ lazy river, baja shelf, water features & stunning stone treatments. This 3331 SF energy efficient solar powered home offers 4 bedrooms (one shown as office), 3 baths, 3+ car over-sized garage . Highly upgraded Tuscan Desert design presents acacia, bamboo, travertine flooring, impressive stone fireplace in owner's suite and living room. Gourmet kitchen features expansive granite counters, island, breakfast bar, walk-in pantry & oodles of alder cabinetry. Enjoy truly tremendous Superstition Mountain, city lights, golf course & sunset views from turret observation deck. Generous covered patio boasts built-in barbeque, fridge, bar & misting system. Lovely landscaping includes mature fruit trees—5 varieties, raised vegetable garden & 2 irrigation systems. Entire home is solar powered, including solar hot water heater. High tech water filtration system. Private well has 2,000 gallon under-ground storage tank. Huge yard is fully enclosed-- half an acre unfenced is privacy buffer or available for new owner projects. No HOA, easy access for all vehicles & toys. 35 minutes to Phx Sky Harbor, close to 5 Gold Canyon golf courses, restaurants & world class hiking.
Come experience the ultimate private resort.

OFFERED AT $1,340,000

Peralta Trails

Desirable Discovery model on 1/3 acre view lot in gated Peralta Trails. Fabulous backyard w/ heated pool & spa. Extreme energy efficiency provided by Tesla Solar (Prepaid 10 year lease). Private courtyard boasts built-in gas fireplace, front door & french door access. Spacious kitchen opens to living & dining areas. Premium plantation shutters, 9 ft ceilings & lovely lighting T/O. Updated flooring—no carpet. Primary suite boasts beautiful bay windows & spacious bath. Split floorplan offers privacy for guests & family with large bedroom & full bath. Large office/den provides plenty of space forhome office. Professionally landscaped private resort backyard sports double extended covered patio, quality shades, heated pool & spa, turf & views.Tandem 2+garage includes quality cabinets.

OFFERED AT $519,900

Peralta Canyon Views!

Truly spectacular Superstition Mountain views from most desirable location in Peralta Canyon! 2019 Highly upgraded single level home offers 3 bedrooms plus den, 3 baths & 3 car garage. Upscale interior features designer color palette, soaring ceilings, recessed lighting. Wood-look plank tile flooring in all rooms except guest bedrooms. Light & bright great room opens to gourmet kitchen boasting beautiful quartz counters, elegant white cabinets w/ crown molding, high-end stainless appliances, walk-in pantry & island w/pendant lighting. Spacious primary suite sports large ensuite bath w/double vanities, large shower, soaking tub, huge closet & fabulous mountain views. Unsurpassed Superstition Mountain views from covered patio & travertine seating areas amid lovely easy care desert scape. Close to 5 Gold Canyon golf courses, world class hiking, restaurants & shopping. 35 minutes to phx sky harbor. HOA only $70/mo.

OFFERED AT $749,900

Superstition Foothills

Premium .22 Acre lot w/ no neighbors to north or east offers PRIVACY and views in Superstition Foothills. This single level offers 3 bedrooms plus den, 2 baths, 3 car garage and private resort backyard. Stunning remodel creates a true open great room w/wood plank flooring & vaulted ceiling. Huge standalone island boasts beautiful granite, custom cabinetry & pendant lighting. Custom dining area features gorgeous lighted cabinetry, glass backsplash, wine cooler & prep sink. Plantation shutters T/O. Spacious primary bedroom offers vaulted ceiling, sitting area, large bath, and huge walk-in closet. Guest bedroom wing provides privacy for guests & family featuring 2 bedrooms & large bath w/ upgraded shower. Private oversized resort backyard sports sparking pool w/ water feature, 2 curbed turf areas w/putting green, covered patio, views & double gate access. HOA only $50/mo.

OFFERED AT $539,900

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